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DARIO'S VIEW



This is the first time you will have been able to watch us at home in this cup competition. Even now the only reason that is possible is due to the first round becoming a two-legged affair. Last season we were involved in three very exciting games, all of which were decided on penalties. So if it comes to that tonight we can't complain of lack of experience. Away goals count for nothing this year so we will need to win by two clear goals tonight to go through.

The game at Bolton was a very exciting affair. We scored inside ten seconds, then conceded two goals, but equalised before half-time. A single goal in the second half settled the game, but we now have a chance to get our own back here tonight. Some other Managers have spoken out against this competition but I am sure I speak for all of us at the Alex when I say that we welcome it, and especially now that it gives us a chance to play at Wembley. Also we have the chance to play against Third Division sides and of course it brings in more revenue. Our supporters can be sure of one thing - we will be giving it all we've got tonight and in

any other Freight Rover game. Bolton have had a fine run recently, but we've been pulling ourselves together quite well also. We have actually only lost one of our last five league matches, and whilst a total of six points from five games is nothing to boast about, the fact that we have only been beaten once in those games does give the players confidence. We are still not firing on all cylinders, but we are scrapping for points. I thought we might bury Hartlepool before the match started, and after twenty minutes I did think my hopes were to be fulfilled. A great corner move put us ahead and I thought we were on our way. But of course you can never be sure when fate is going to play its part, and two injuries, one to Dave Pullar and the other to Vernon Allatt, changed the course of the game. With Tony Cliss withdrawn to mid-field, Vernon struggling with his injury, and Gary Blissett and Mark Leonard both a little subdued, it was left to young David Platt to carry the flag for us up front. He did an excellent job for us, and then Tony Cliss popped up with a goal just before the end, the quality of which was worth the entrance fee alone. He is having a good season and I'm sure he has still to reach his potential.

All things considered, I am looking forward enormously to tonight's game. Bolton are a passing side who always try to play good football. I don't think they will have come here tonight to defend a one goal lead and with a bit of luck we should see a few goals. If that luck is going our way most of them could be going into the Bolton goal. I assure you that we will be doing our best to create a good cup-tie atmosphere here tonight and it would be a great help if you were to join in and get right behind the players.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	26	16	5	5	43	23	53
Chesterfield	26	14	8	4	42	25	50
Blackpool	26	14	7	5	41	24	49
Hereford Utd.	25	14	6	5	40	20	48
Peterborough Utd.	27	14	5	8	38	31	47
Colchester Utd.	26	13	7	6	55	43	46
Darlington	23	12	9	2	32	16	45
Tranmere R.	26	13	1	12	46	39	40
Crewe Alex	26	11	5	10	36	37	38
Swindon	25	11	5	9	35	36	38
Hartlepool Utd.	25	9	8	8	30	32	35
Port Vale	25	9	8	9	37	35	35
Mansfield	24	8	8	8	19	16	32
Scunthorpe Utd.	23	8	7	8	35	31	31
Southend Utd.	27	7	7	13	39	59	28
Aldershot	25	7	6	12	32	39	27
Stockport C.	23	7	6	10	31	37	27
Exeter City	25	6	8	11	32	44	26
Chester	25	6	7	12	28	37	25
Rochdale	23	6	7	10	23	32	25
Halifax Town	23	7	2	14	21	37	23
Northampton	26	7	2	17	34	49	23
Torquay Utd.	26	4	8	14	24	42	20
Wrexham	24	5	4	15	38	44	19

SCENE FOUR

The top of the table clash between Chesterfield and Bury was a very closely contested affair but it was the Lancashire side who went away with the points, that ended for them a disappointing spell in away games having previously lost at Halifax and Colchester United. The Gigg Lane side now have a three point lead over Chesterfield. Blackpool, by virtue of their goalless draw at Chester move into third place above Hereford United who were well beaten by near neighbours Port Vale, the scoreline, 3-1 in favour of the home side.

Darlington were held at home by visitors Aldershot, the North East side face a busy spell for they still have to contend with a very difficult F.A. Cup replay at Telford in the hope that they will then have that lucrative tie with the First Division leaders Everton in the 5th round. Just what has happened to the Southend defence in recent weeks, they had been soundly beaten in their away game at Chester, 5-1, worse was to follow for, before their own supporters visitors Colchester scored 5 times to the two that Southend got and yet another defeat last Saturday at Exeter, the scoreline on this occasion being closer, 2-1. With 59 goals against in 27 games it is easily the worst in the Division at present.

Chester, with 7 points out of their last three games have now moved out of the bottom four positions and it is interesting to note that they have not conceded a goal in those three games which were all at home. Wrexham at last gained a further away point in a 2-2 draw at Stockport but the Welsh side still remain in bottom spot, just a point behind Torquay United but with two games in hand over the Devon side. Rochdale, whose own programme had been disrupted rather badly narrowly defeated visitors Tranmere and Swindon Town continued with their pattern of winning their home games but losing away, they beat Mansfield 1-0 last Saturday. One player found himself with rapid promotion last weekend, Barry Siddall who had been in the Port Vale side went on loan to Stoke City and straight into their First Division encounter at Sunderland, he only conceded one goal on his return in the higher league.

Front Cover Photo:-

Vernon Allatt gets in his header and David Platt looks on.

Peter King joins in the attack against Mansfield.

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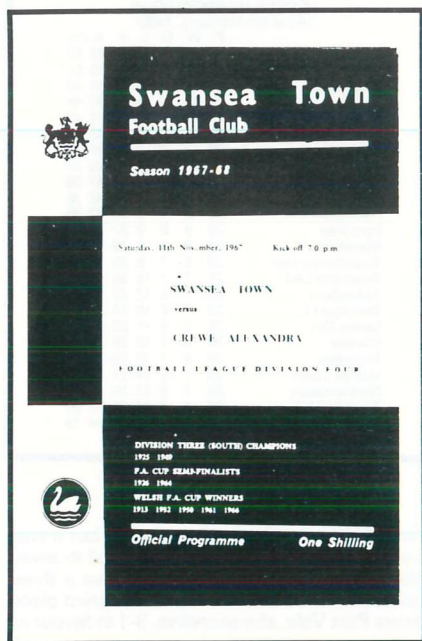


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A Game to Remember



An eventful evening

Saturday 11th November 1967 was the date the Alex visited Vetch Field for this league encounter and it seemed at one stage that the game would not even go ahead. A bomb had been reported to be in the ground and all approach roads etc. were blocked until it was eventually decided that it must have been a hoax by someone.

For almost two thirds of the game the Alex defence had been sorely pressed by the home side and had it not been for the brilliant anticipation and handling of Willie Mailey in the Alex goal they could have so easily have been more than just the one goal down at half time. The same pattern followed in the second half and then with just 15 minutes remaining the impossible happened, Gary Talbot grabbed the equaliser. Six minutes later Tommy Lowry came out of defence down the right, centred and Gordon Wallace dived and headed past the startled keeper to put the Alex in front and there they remained to score their first ever win at Vetch Field.

Teams: Swansea - John, Evans R., Gomersall, Williams, Purcell, Davies, Humphries, Grey, Roberts, Allchurch, Screen. Crewe Alex - Mailey, Lowry, Leigh, Bradshaw, Stott, Gannon, Dearden, Archer, Talbot, Regan, Wallace, Sub: Tarbuck not used. K. Markham of Woking was the referee and the attendance was 6277.

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Editorial Comment

Although it is twenty years since he retired from first class football, Stanley Matthews, who was knighted for his services to football always commands respect and is always top when it comes to news value. During his playing career it could always be claimed, and quite rightly, that whenever he appeared in a game either at home or away he was guaranteed to put several thousand on that gate, such was the drawing power he had. It was interesting to hear him say that he thought he had in fact retired two years too early, he felt that he could have gone on that little longer. A number of his former colleagues had gone out to Canada to join him for that 70th birthday celebration. By a strange coincidence all of them had some connection with Crewe Alexandra. Stanley Matthews had played at Gresty Road himself both for Crewe and against them, Danny Blanchflower was the Captain of Spurs when they came here for the F.A. Cup tie which was so nearly the giant killing act of all time. Jackie Mudie was at Gresty Road acting in a coaching capacity and only during the early part of this current season, Stanly Mortensen was one of the Guest speakers at one of the Sportsmen's Dinners.

There are times that watching games on television can be so boring but it was anything but that when the game between Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea took place in the Milk Cup on Wednesday evening. With a 3-0 lead it did not seem possible that Chelsea could ever get back into the game - fight back they did and it needed nerves of steel for the penalty taker to make the game all square and yet another replay after extra time failed to find a clear winner. The attendance for the league game on Saturday also gave an indication of just how much support the club can get with their entertaining brand of soccer. With all these various replays Chelsea are getting quite a fixture congestion and which will be added to if they are of course successful in the cup competitions.

Wimbledon added to their own reputation in midweek when they eliminated Nottingham Forest from the F.A. Cup competition at Plough Lane and then in their following league game they held the current leaders of the Second Division, Blackburn Rovers, however they were not able to prevent Blackburn from scoring and they have still to fail to find the net in a league game during the current campaign.



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ALEX PHOTO FILE

Steve Davis show his delight but the scorer David Platt is hidden
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Profile On

Nigel Hart

Some professional footballers will readily admit they are superstitious in some way or other but Nigel Hart is not one of them. He comes from a footballing family for his father was with Manchester City and his brother is with Nottingham Forest. Born in Golborne, he did not immediately take up football as a career after leaving school. He started playing in Junior school and played through the various grades at school and played with the Manchester Boys' side. On leaving school he played in a local amateur team and worked in a bank for two years. His first league club was Wigan Athletic where he remained for 18 months, during that time he made just one league appearance against Bournemouth when they won 2-0. He then moved to Leicester City where he played in their Football Combination side before the opportunity of league football brought him to Blackpool when Allan Brown was Manager there, he was also to serve under Sam Ellis who took over at a later date.

After 18 months at Bloomfield Road he came to Crewe firstly on a loan basis when Peter Morris was in charge and later signed for the club. His league debut came on the 3rd December, 1981, in the home game against Torquay United, the game ending in a 1-1 draw. Since then he has been a regular in the side and normally plays in one of the defensive positions but he has also played in a midfield role. So far as scoring goals are concerned it was

not until the home game against Hartlepool on the 1st November, 1983 that he was to get on the score-sheet and in that game he scored both our goals in a 2-2 home win and also scored another in the home game against Reading later in the season. He actually completed 100 first team games for the Alex in the game against Hartlepool last Friday made up as follows: League 90, Milk Cup 4, F.A. Cup 2, A.M.C. Cup 3, Freight Rover Trophy 1 - Total 100 exactly. He should achieve the 100 in league games this season.

He is married and lives at Goostrey. With his wife Diane he enjoys the countryside and they have some pedigree Samoyed dogs for breeding and the first litter of 5 puppies recently arrived. This hobby keeps him quite busy outside his football. He was out of action for a short time last season, breaking a bone in his foot in a pre-season game. He thoroughly enjoys his career and says it is very important that in your chosen career you should make the best of the opportunities that come along. So far as ambitions are concerned, he would obviously hope to get into a higher grade of football and hopes that it will be with Crewe and his other ambition is that in the not too distant future he will have a family of his own.



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With Youth in mind

As we have already indicated in previous notes we have been extremely active in the junior field in recent weeks with competitive games whenever possible, trials to try to organise or indeed follow up the various leads which are so vital to finding good young players.

All over the country the emphasis is turning to the task of finding and developing the young players who could one day become the stars of the game and apart from the games that are normally undertaken there are quite a number of tournaments which are organised on an annual basis in particular areas and by particular clubs that attract both a great deal of interest and a wide variety of participants both from home and from overseas.

At Easter Norwich City will be the hosts for one of these tournaments and we shall be taking a team ourselves to participate in it. These boys will be in the 14 year old age group and it will be a valuable experience for them for it is understood there will be opposition from teams from Switzerland and Germany in addition to teams from the bigger clubs. There is another competition which is also held every year in France and it may even be possible that we could even participate in that. More often than not the clubs play on a league basis for otherwise a team could be defeated on the first day of the tournament and have no other competitive games to play. Further details in due course.

The Lads' and Dads' Connection

The mild weather has enabled most of the teams to get back into action, this will be good for them all and in particular the players who will be making up the side to play Runcorn in the Under 15 Competition game which will be staged at Gresty Road on Tuesday 12th February Kick off 7.30 p.m. Admission 20p. We are most grateful to the Board of Directors of Crewe Alexandra for making the ground available to us for this game.

The Junior League of the Lads and Dads is possibly the most important of all the age groups that we cover, it is from this level that the continuity of the league depends so much. May we now make this appeal, if there are any youngsters in the age group of 9 to 11 who are not participating in the Lads and Dads teams to please come forward, you will find that we shall give you every assistance possible and feel sure that you will really enjoy participating.

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Our Visitors... B



BACK ROW: Peter Valentine, Jimmy Phillips, Mark Came, Gerry McElhinney, Neil Berry, Paul Booth, George Oghani. **CENTRE:** Walter Joyce (Coach), Brian Borrows, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Simon Farnworth, John Platt, Ray Deakin, Paul Lodge, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (Physio). **FRONT:** Wayne Foster, Charles Wright (1st Team Coach), Jeff Chandler, Simon Rudge, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Former Manager), Graham Bell.

Bolton Wanderers can claim to have been one of the teams who were founder members of the Football League in their first ever Season, 1888/89 finishing in fifth position with 22 points out of 44 possible, some 18 points behind Champions Preston North End who were unbeaten. Since those early days they have played in the First and Second Divisions and in Division Three of the Football League. They have appeared in 7 F.A. Cup Finals, on the first occasion in 1894 they were losing finalists to Notts County, in 1904 they lost 1-0 to Manchester City but in 1923 they won the trophy for the first time beating West Ham United 2-0, this was the game remembered for the policeman on the White Horse who did so much to restore order after the crowd invasion. They also won the trophy in 1926 and 1929 and then in 1953 there was that emotional cup final when Blackpool beat them 4-3, named the Matthews Cup Final and their last appearance was in 1958 when they beat Manchester United 2-0. They have never been Champions of the First Division but have won the Championship of Division 2 twice, in 1908/09 and 1977/78 and in 1972/73 were the Champions of Division Three. The club record for appearances is held by Eddie Hopkinson their keeper who made 519 league appearances between 1956 and 1970. The ground record at Burnden Park is 69,912 but as with all such records this can never be equalled due to the alteration in safety regulations introduced just a few years ago.

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Bolton Wanderers



At the start of the current Season John McGovern was their Manager but quite recently he left the club and since his departure CHARLIE WRIGHT who was the First team coach has been in charge and results have shown a marked improvement and in a midweek game they recently won their first away game of the season at Bristol Rovers. WALTER JOYCE who was at Gresty Road for a short time is also Coach at Burnden Park. First team choice as keeper is SIMON FARNWORTH who came through the clubs apprentice ranks and had to wait until last season before he made the breakthrough into the senior side. This he did with success and only missed 10 games throughout the season. JOHN PLATT. He was formerly with Bury and he came to Bolton during the Summer of 1983 on a free transfer. He was dogged by injuries during last Season and was unable to get a regular spot in the side and he has also recently been on loan to Tranmere Rovers. BRIAN BORROWS. He was formerly with Everton and he made a terrific impression in the Third Division last Season and it came as no surprise when he was elected as the Player of the Year last season. He can also play in one of the midfield roles. RAY DEAKIN. The skipper of the side who had previously been with Everton and Port Vale. He lost his first team place during the middle of last Season but with great determination he fought his way back into the side. PETER VALENTINE. He only missed four games last Season after joining the club from Huddersfield Town and normally plays in the heart of the defence. Has been substitute in recent games. MARK CAME. He was recruited from non league soccer, having been with Winsford United until the end of last Season he was persuaded to become a full time player and has earned his place in the side with his hard tackling displays in the Central League side. NEIL BERRY. A former Scottish Youth International but so far his chances of first team football have been rather limited, however he is a versatile player and this could prove to be an asset in the future. JIMMY PHILLIPS. He is a Bolton born player who has come through the clubs junior ranks and his first team chance came on the opening day of the Season and he has only missed a few games since then. WARREN JOYCE. A young all round sportsman who has played cricket at County Level with the Colts and has also been a member of the Rugby Union Schoolboy tourist side. A midfield player, he scored two of the Bolton goals in the first game at Burnden Park. GRAHAM BELL. His league career has seen him with Oldham, Preston North End and Carlisle player joined the club on a free transfer last season and his experience in the midfield was a marked asset to the side. STEVE THOMPSON. He normally occupies the No. 7 spot in the side and this young player, the son of an ex league player has become an established member of the team. PAUL LODGE. He came from Preston on a free transfer during the last close season. He has previously been with Everton. JEFF CHANDLER. When he was signed from Leeds United in 1981 he cost the club a fee of £40,000. He has been capped by the Republic of Ireland and he was the only ever present in the Bolton side and scored 17 goals. TONY CALDWELL. He scored a club record of 5 goals when Bolton beat Walsall last Season and he was still only a part time player. He came from non league side Horwich and was the clubs leading scorer with 22 goals last season and has been a consistent marksman again this time, he is now a full time player. GEORGE OGHANI. Yet another recruit from non league football having been with Hyde United. The club tried to sell him back to non league football during the last close season but since the club switched him to a central attacker he has really deserved a second chance. WAYNE FOSTER. A former England Youth International he is now close to 100 appearances in the side. He is a fast and hard running type of player. SIMON RUDGE. He scored 9 goals last season. STEVE SAUNDERS. A young player who had to undergo two operations last Season which kept him out of the game for most of the time but after much hard work he is hoping that he will be able to show his worth during the present campaign.



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Reserve and Youth Team News

The frustrations of the previous weeks leading to further disruptions in the league Programmes undertaken by our Reserve and Youth teams were quickly forgotten as they again got into action. The Reserve Team travelled to Liverpool to take on Liverpool 'A' in the return fixture to that played at Gresty Road back in late October last. On that occasion it ended as a goalless draw and once again the result was exactly the same. It is no mean achievement to hold such a team as Liverpool in this particular league. The side played very well and fully deserved that result, admittedly the Liverpool defence gave our strikers only very limited opportunities but their own forwards also found that the Alex defence were also a very capable unit. Of the younger players Paul Hornby who was playing in midfield had an excellent game, he comes from the Warrington area and had been spotted when playing with Cheshire schools and was signed by the Alex at the start of the current Season. The full line up was: Cheshire, Bishop, Tomlinson, Scott, Vince, Adlridge, Hornby, Gibbs, Mason, Marland, Tew. The substitutes were Hinds who came on for Tew after 21 minutes and Boyle who was not used on this occasion. As a point of interest, David Cheshire has been at Lilleshall for a couple of days on a special goalkeeping course under the supervision of Mike Kelly.'

The 'A' team also made a draw but in their own particular game there were goals at either end. It was Crewe who took an early lead, just two minutes into the first half when Gavin headed in from a Broomhead free kick. Shortly before half time Formby equalised forcing the ball home after a goalmouth scrimmage. In the second half it was the Alex who had to play 'up the Hill' and after two defensive lapses they found themselves from a level position at 3-1 down. The team must be given a lot of credit for they really worked hard to get back into the game and McCann scored from a corner set peice and to level the game Dean Cornock got the equaliser. Near the end of the game the Formby defence had several quite amazing escapes but overall a draw perhaps was a fair result. On Sunday, in the second round of the Crewe & District Youth Cup our young side lost 4-3 in extra time, the goals coming from G. Davies, Andy Green (pen) and C. Davies.



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Brian Parkin with just snowflakes for company
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FIRST TEAM FACTS AND FIGURES

DATE	OPPONENTS	F.A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1984															
Aug	25 Torquay United	3-0	1720	Naylor	King	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett (1)	Cliss (1)	Waller	Thomas	Leonard (2)	Aldridge
	26 Bury (MCI)	2-1	2892	Naylor	King	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett (1)	Cliss	Mason	Thomas	Leonard (1)	Aldridge
Sept.	1 Tranmere Rovers	1-3	1607	Naylor	King	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett +	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	4 Burnley (MCI)	0-3	3067	Naylor	King	Pullar	Davis	Scott	Hart	Blissett +	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Aldridge
	8 Hereford United	0-3	1911	Naylor	King	Pullar	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	15 Mansfield Town	3-2	2881	Naylor	King	Aldridge	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	18 Scunthorpe United	3-0	1619	Naylor	King (1)	Aldridge	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	22 Wrexham	0-3	438	Naylor	King	Aldridge	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	29 Hartlepool United	3-0	2480	Naylor	King	Armstrong	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
Oct	1 Southend United	0-3	438	Naylor	King	Armstrong	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	2 Southend United	0-2	2126	Naylor	King	Armstrong	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	10 Torquay United	0-2	4146	Naylor	King	Armstrong	Crabbe	Scott	Hart	Pullar	Cliss	Waller	Thomas	Leonard	Blissett
	13 Southend Town	3-2	2455	Naylor	Pullar	Armstrong	Farrell (1)	Davis	Hart	Blissett (1) +	Crabbe (1)	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Davis
	19 Stockport County	1-0	2455	Naylor	Pullar	Armstrong	Farrell	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe (1)	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Aldridge
	23 Chester	2-0	3287	Naylor	Pullar	Armstrong	Farrell	Davis	Hart	Blissett (2)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	King
Nov.	27 Rochdale	3-1	2406	Naylor	Pullar	Armstrong	Farrell	Davis	Hart	Blissett (2)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	King
	3 Peterborough United	1-2	3596	Naylor	Pullar	Armstrong	Farrell	Davis	Hart	Blissett (2)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	King
	6 Northampton United	3-2	2154	Naylor	King	Aldridge	King	Davis	Scott	Thomas (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Mason
	10 Bury	2-2	3459	Naylor	King	Aldridge	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Blissett (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	23 Halifax Town	0-1	1893	Naylor	King	Aldridge	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Blissett (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
Dec	23 Halifax Town	2-0	2411	Naylor	Pullar	Aldridge	Farrell	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	8 Scunthorpe United	1-3	1523	Parkin	Pullar	Aldridge	Farrell	Scott	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	King
	15 Chesterfield	1-1	2235	Parkin	Pullar	Aldridge	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Blissett (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Farrell
	21 Colchester United	1-1	1529	Parkin	Pullar	Aldridge	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Farrell
	26 Aldershot	1-1	2230	Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	Thomas	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Farrell
	29 Darlington	A		Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Farrell +	Crabbe	Allatt	Leonard	Thomas	Waller
1985															
Jan	1 Blackpool (7.30)	0-2	4088	Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Farrell +	Crabbe	Allatt	Leonard	Thomas	Waller
	5 Torquay U (FAC R3)	0-0	1161	Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Farrell +	Crabbe	Allatt	Leonard	Thomas	Waller
Post	19 Tranmere Rovers	Post		Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Farrell +	Crabbe	Allatt	Leonard	Thomas	Waller
	19 Huddersfield	2-3	2345	Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett (1)	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Blissett
	22 Bolton (FAC R1)	1-1	1764	Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	26 Mansfield Town (FAC R4)	H		Parkin	Pullar +	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
Feb.	1 Hartlepool United	2-0	1547	Parkin	Pullar +	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	5 Bolton (FAC R4)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	9 Wrexham			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
Mar.	16 Scunthorpe U. (FAC R5)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	23 Peterborough United			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
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	9 Chester			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	16 Scunthorpe U. (FAC R6)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	15 Swindon Town			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	22 Port Vale			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
April	30 Northampton Town			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	6 Aldershot			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	9 Blackpool (7.30)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	13 Bury (FAC SF)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	19 Halifax Town			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
May	24 Exeter City			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	24 Exeter City			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	6 Darlington (7.30)			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt
	10 Colchester United			Parkin	Pullar	Armstrong	King	Davis	Hart	Blissett	Crabbe	Waller	Leonard	Thomas	Allatt

WEEKEND TRIP.

In previous years we have run a weekend trip to London for the Milk Cup Final. We anticipate the cost to be £40 each; full details in due course but an early indication of your support would be appreciated.

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1984	25	South Liverpool Res.	A	1-1
Aug.	1	Bury Res.	H	4-3
Sept.	8	Tranmere Rovers Res.	A	0-3
	15	Burnley 'A'	H	0-4
	22	Marine Res.	A	3-0
	29	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H	1-1
Oct.	4	UMIST	A	post
	6	Everton 'A'	H	2-3
	12	Chester City Res.	A	post
	20	Liverpool 'A'	H	0-0
	26	Stockport County 'A'	A	3-1
Nov.	3	Rochdale Res.	H	post
	7	Alsager College	A	A
	10	Manchester United 'A'	H	0-7
	17	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A	0-4
	24	Everton 'A'	H	1-1
Dec.	1	Morecambe 'A'	H	post
	15	Formby Res.	A	2-0
	26	Manchester City 'A'	H	post
1985	29	Marine Res.	H	3-0
Jan.	5	Formby Res.	H	post
	12	Bury Res.	A	post
	19	Barrow Res.	H	post
	26	Burnley 'A'	A	post
Feb.	2	Liverpool 'A'	A	0-0
	9	Alsager College	H	A
	15	Southport Res.	A	A
	23	Rochdale Res.	A	A
Mar.	2	South Liverpool Res.	H	A
	16	Stockport County 'A'	H	A
	23	Manchester United 'A'	A	A
	30	UMIST	H	A
Apr.	6	Barrow Res.	A	A
	13	Morecambe 'A'	A	A
	20	Southport Res.	H	A
	27	Manchester City 'A'	A	A
May	4	Chester City Res.	H	A
	11	Tranmere Rovers Res.	H	A

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CLUB NEWS

This evening we stage the first round, second leg tie against Bolton Wanderers in the Freight Rover Trophy Competition which is open to the Third and Fourth Division clubs but there is a difference from the A.M.C. Competition which was held last season. The two finalists, one from the Northern Group and one from the Southern Group will contest the Final at Wembley Stadium on June 1st.

The other incentive to the finalists is that they will both receive from the sponsors a Freight Rover 15-seater minibus which in itself is worth about £10,000 and which will be invaluable to clubs for transporting both club teams and officials on short journeys. This particular vehicle which is known as a Sherpa will be presented to the clubs already painted in their club colours.

Should this evening's game end with the scores level on aggregate, then extra time will be played and should teams then be level at the end of extra time then the tie will be decided on a penalty shoot out. It should be emphasised that contrary to various opinions which have been expressed away goals do not count double. Commencing with the second round ties the competition becomes a straight knock-out basis but there will be places for two teams from each group who, although defeated can go through on the number of goals they have scored. Our own supporters will no doubt recall that we were one of the teams to benefit from that rule last year for we drew 4-4 with Scunthorpe after extra time but lost on the penalty knock-out. Now that the competition runs under another name we can claim that rather unusual record in the A.M.C. Competition of all our three ties being away from home, all games went to extra time and had to be finally settled on penalty shootouts.

A reminder to our own supporters that if you have not already booked for the game at Wrexham on Saturday but are intending to travel with us, will you please confirm your bookings at the office as soon as possible.

News now of the coach details for the away games at Rochdale and Chester. For the game at Spotland, coaches will depart Gresty Road at 1.45 p.m. Fare: Adults £2.50, Juniors £2.00 and for the evening game at Chester, coaches will depart Gresty Road at 6.00 p.m. Fare: Adults £2.00 Juniors £1.50. early bookings are essentials for these short trips.

So far as rearranged games are concerned the only one which has definitely been fixed is the game at Hereford. This will take place on Wednesday, 24th April, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Details of the home game against Tranmere and the away game at Darlington will be given as soon as possible.

Supporters' News

In the space available in this issue may we remind our supporters that one of our new lines has now been received at our offices, these are Alex Sweat Bands, the price of these is 80p members, 90p non members.

The new style lottery which we have recently introduced has also been quite a success and the continued interest being shown in our fund raising efforts should enable us to raise even more direct aid for the parent club. What we could really do with at the present time is an increase in the Membership of the Association, we heard last Friday evening that the Membership of the Norwegian Branch has now passed the 170 mark and they are now hoping to reach the 200 mark in the very near future.



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IN CHARGE THIS EVENING

PAUL VANES comes from Warley, West Midlands and is a design draughtsman. He is married and has two children. He commenced refereeing in 1972 and progressed via local leagues and West Midlands (regional) League. Main interest outside sports is gardening. Enjoys marathon running and his best time to date is 2hrs. 52 mins. in the 1983/84 London Marathon he recorded a time of 2hrs. 55mins. Involved in local Youth football as Manager of the Under 11 team. Played Semi Professional football for six years prior to refereeing. Refereed Birmingham Senior Cup Final and lined 1983 European Youth Championships and 1984 Cup Semi Final.

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